



Donlin Gold EIS



Mitigation Workshop Number 2
Thursday, May 11, 2017 8 AM – 4 PM
Dimond Center Hotel, 700 East Dimond Blvd, Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PURPOSE OF MITIGATION WORKSHOP

- a. Topic of workshop is NEPA mitigation; wetlands compensatory mitigation and/or DOI compensatory mitigation are not the main focus.
- b. Primary goal is to develop a complete listing of additional mitigation measures and monitoring for evaluation in the EIS. Additional discussion may touch on design features as time or interest permit.
- c. Secondary goal is a discussion of resources and effects intended to be mitigated, effectiveness/feasibility of the mitigation measure, and the agency (ies) with regulatory authority to require the measure.

3. REVIEW OF NEPA GUIDANCE ON EVALUATION OF MITIGATION

4. REVIEW OF SELECT STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS/REQUIRED OPERATING PROCEDURES

- a. USACE
- b. BLM
- c. PHMSA
- d. State of Alaska

5. REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES

- a. Measures from the Draft EIS and response to comments
- b. Additional measures suggested by workshop participants

6. REVIEW OF MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- a. Measures from the Draft EIS and response to comments (including permit requirements)
- b. Additional measures suggested by workshop participants

7. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS AND REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Results from this workshop will be incorporated in the Preliminary Final EIS
- b. Agency comments on Chapter 5 of the PFEIS will be solicited, evaluated, and responded to.

8. GROUND RULES

- a. Come prepared – review the material and be prepared to justify additional mitigation measures based on the three evaluation factors: resource and impact intended to be mitigated, effectiveness/feasibility of the mitigation measure, and the agency (ies) with regulatory authority to require the measure.
- b. Existing material provided prior to the workshop will be discussed by exception or augmentation.

- c. The workshop is not the time or place for agency staff to advocate for particular measures.
- d. If there is disagreement on the feasibility or jurisdiction of a particular measure, the AECOM technical team will evaluate the measure after the workshop and make a recommendation to the Corps which will be included in the Preliminary Final EIS.

9. REVIEW OF APPLICANT DESIGN FEATURES (as time permits)

- a. Review and Clarification
- b. Question/Answer Period with Donlin Gold Representatives